

The election of the Group I invention is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. It is recognized that the two claim groupings identified in the Official Action may be separately classified. However, it is believed that the search required for the elected invention set forth in Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-17, 19, 20, 25 and 26 would likely extend into those areas where the non-elected invention would be searched. In addition, examining the claims directed to the non-elected invention in addition to those directed to the elected invention would only involve consideration of a few additional claims.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claims of this application, including Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-17, 19, 20, 25 and 26 directed to the elected invention, are respectfully requested.

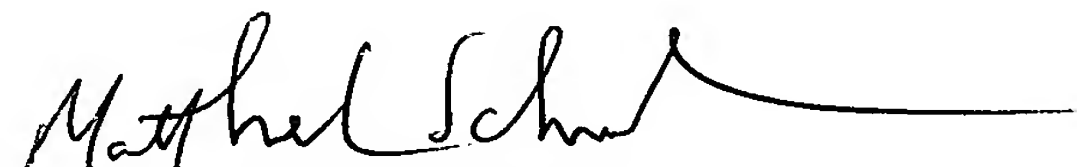
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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